

REMARKS

The prior prosecution had stalled based on overly broad claim language and overly broad interpretation of such language by the Examiner. The Applicant has respectfully submitted this request for continued examination along with proposed amendments in order to move prosecution forward in an expedited fashion.

The cited art Samukawa teaches the use of a vision sensor utilized in a vehicle for monitoring on-coming traffic or other objects and adjusting vehicle performance thereby. The cited art Wolfe utilizes vision sensors to assist a pilot in detecting lights during flights and discloses calibrating such a system during production. Neither of the cited prior art addresses the novel and unique aspect claimed by the present invention. Typical vehicle production requires installing a wide variety of manufacturer pre-sets into the vehicle cpu, commonly controlling engine settings. These manufacturer pre-sets are consumer inaccessible in that they must take the vehicle to the manufacturer or a dealer to have these values monitored or changed (often in response to poor engine performance). Similarly, the manufacturer or dealer must couple a central computer physically to the vehicle cpu in order to modify these pre-sets. These pre-sets are well known and well understood and do not comprise settings that are modified during operation such as in Samukawa and do not constitute a laboratory testing unit as taught in Wolfe. Instead they provide a convenient and novel apparatus that allows vehicle manufacturing pre-sets to be altered by the dealer, a mechanic, or even a consumer where this had previously been unavailable. These presets may be altered without requiring complex computer coupling to the vehicle cpu and are configured to alter values only accessible traditionally by the manufacturer or its agents.

The Applicant submits the present amendments clearly separate the claimed invention from the cited prior art. The Applicant has added no new material by way of these amendments and support may be found in paragraphs 24, 26, 37, 40a and 64. The Applicant notes that the cited prior art cannot be combined to

properly accomplish the unique and novel utility of the claimed invention. Reconsideration is requested therefore on these amended claims.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicants' undersigned attorney at (248) 433-7200 if any unresolved matters remain.

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